

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend the claims as follows:

2. (Amended) A pressure-sensitive adhesive sheet for removal of a solvent-containing substance, the sheet comprising a substrate and a pressure-sensitive adhesive layer, excluding a foaming pressure sensitive adhesive layer, formed at least on one side of the substrate, wherein the pressure-sensitive adhesive layer absorbs 5 g/m^2 or more of a solvent contained in the substance to be removed when the pressure-sensitive adhesive sheet is immersed in the solvent for 1 second, and wherein the pressure-sensitive adhesive sheet after absorbing 5 g/m^2 of the solvent has a tackiness of 3 cN/25-nm or more as determined by a method in conformity with Japanese Industrial Standards (JIS) Z 0237.

4. (Amended) The pressure-sensitive adhesive sheet for removal of a solvent-containing substance according to claim 3, wherein said pressure-sensitive adhesive layer is comprised of a pressure-sensitive adhesive comprised solely of components that are insoluble in a solvent present in the substance to be removed.

Add the following new claims:

- - 20. The pressure-sensitive adhesive sheet for removal of a solvent-containing substance according to any one of claims 1 to 7, wherein said pressure-sensitive adhesive layer is comprised of a pressure-sensitive adhesive selected from the group consisting of rubber and acrylic pressure-sensitive adhesives.

21. The pressure-sensitive adhesive sheet for removal of a solvent-containing substance according to claim 20, wherein said rubber pressure-sensitive adhesive is selected from the group consisting of natural rubber pressure-sensitive adhesives, styrene-butadiene copolymers, polyisobutylene, and styrene-isoprene-styrene copolymers.

22. The pressure-sensitive adhesive sheet for removal of a solvent-containing substance according to claim 20, wherein said acrylic pressure-sensitive adhesive comprises a polymer obtained by polymerizing a monomer mixture comprised of from 40% to 98% by weight of a base monomer for imparting adhesion, from 0% to 50% by weight of a comonomer for imparting cohesiveness and from

0.5% to 15% by weight of a functional-group-containing monomer, where the base monomer is at least one selected from the group consisting of acrylic C₂-C₁₀ alkyl esters, the comonomer is at least one selected from the group consisting of methyl acrylate, alkyl methacrylates, vinyl esters, styrenic monomers, and acrylonitrile, the functional-group-containing monomer is at least one selected from the group consisting of carboxyl group containing monomers, acid anhydride group containing monomers, hydroxyl group containing monomers, epoxy group containing monomers, amido group containing monomers, and amino group containing monomers.

23. The pressure-sensitive adhesive sheet for removal of a solvent-containing substance according to any one of claims 1 to 7, wherein said pressure-sensitive adhesive layer comprises a pressure-sensitive adhesive polymer and a crosslinking agent in the amount of from 1 to 30 parts by weight relative to 100 parts by weight of the pressure-sensitive adhesive polymer. - -